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1. The larger of the two airfields south of Levashovo (30°13'N/60°06'E), Leningrad Oblast, west of the Leningrad-Viborg highway, covered several square km and had an LW concrete runway.
2. The following installations were on the eastern border of the airfield, close to the highway :

Quartering facilities, wooden sheds, a kitchen, cantonment and a barracks building. Hangars arranged in the form of a horseshoe were on the western border of the field, an apparently underground fuel dump connected with a pipe line about 20 cm in diameter was on the northern border.
3. An average of 50 to 60 aircraft of the following types were stationed at the field :
 - a. Four-engine bombers fitted with in-line engine, cockpit projecting rather far to the fore, machine gun station behind pilot's cabin, rear gunner's station. Bomb release was practiced day and night.
 - b. Twin-engine ground attack aircraft mostly practicing with tank units. Low-level attacks and firing at tank dummies were observed.
 - c. Single-engine fighters practicing individual and formation flying, firing at ground targets and towed air slaves.

Types b and c were only seen while in the air. When tank troops were having maneuvers in the vicinity, the number of planes at the airfield

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increased from 50 to 60 to about 200.



4. A small airfield without installations was opposite the first one, east of the highway. Aircraft of various types were stationed at this airfield. Individual flights and much stunt flying were observed.

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Comment :

- a. This is the first post-war information on the Levashovo airfields.
- b. The larger of the airfields is assumed to be an improved field provided with a runway.
- c. The stated occupation by four-engine bombers requires confirmative and supplementary information, particularly regarding the observed night flying and bomb release at night.

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